



Encounters with Jesus

Week 3: What Is Jesus Worth?

CHECK-IN	Throughout this week, as you contemplated Jesus as the Servant King, did it inspire you to engage in acts of service towards others?
BIG IDEA	Jesus is worthy of our full devotion and worship.
DISCUSS	<p>Read John 12:1-8.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Explore the significance of Mary's act of pouring costly perfume on Jesus' feet. What does this symbolize, and how does it challenge our understanding of sacrifice and devotion in our relationship with Jesus?2. The sermon emphasizes the unconditional nature of Mary's worship and contrasts it with Judas' pride-driven perspective. In what ways can we cultivate unconditional love and devotion to Jesus in our lives? How can we overcome a pride-driven perspective?3. The sermon discusses the conditions we often place on Jesus' worthiness. Reflect on your own life and consider whether you have set conditions on your devotion to Jesus. How can you overcome these conditions?4. How does Mary's experience affirm the concept that our true value is discovered in a relationship with Jesus?



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APPLY

How do we respond to God's teaching in meaningful ways? What might God ask of us in mind, spirit, or actions?

1. Consider the role of humility in worship, as seen in Mary's act of letting down her hair and wiping Jesus' feet. How can we cultivate a spirit of humility in our worship and daily lives?
2. Reflect on the following statement: "To give Jesus ultimate worth is to take priority over every other relationship." How can we practically prioritize Jesus in our relationships and daily decisions?

PRAYER PRACTICE (15 minutes)

Last week, we practiced THANKSGIVING in our prayer series, "Prayer as a Conversation". This week, we look at what it's like to talk to God through our highs and lows.

PRAYER AS A CONVERSATION: Life's Highs and Lows

Take the time today to share with Him what's going on in your life. He is our Lord, but He is also a friend.

Share with Him what is going well in your life.

Share with Him what you are wrestling with right now.

Express your feelings to Him.

He is listening.

"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." —John 15:15 (NIV)